+ Contemporary Worship + At Redeemer Lutheran Church

9:45 am November 2, 2025

Our mission is to share Christ's love with the greatest number of people.

All Saints Sunday



In holy baptism God makes saints out of sinners. In holy communion God forgives the sins of all the saints. In worship today we give thanks for all the saints "who from their labors rest." In the same breath we petition our God for the strength to hear and to heed the admonitions of Jesus in today's gospel. Sealed by the Spirit and sustained by the Savior's body and blood, we live with joy as God gives us breath, to the praise of God's glory.





+ WELCOME TO WORSHIP +

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Please stand.

Based on Psalm 119

Pastor You are righteous, O LORD,

and upright are your judgments.

All You commanded your decrees in righteousness

and in all faithfulness.

Pastor My indignation has consumed me,

because my enemies forget your words.

All Your word is very pure,

and your servant loves it.

Pastor I am small and of little account,

yet I do not forget your commandments.

All Your righteousness is everlasting

and your teaching is true.

Pastor Trouble and distress have come upon me,

yet your commandments are my delight.

All The righteousness of your decrees is everlasting;

grant me understanding, that I may live.

GATHERING SONG All sing.

Celebrate the Lord of Love

WORDS and MUSIC: Paul Baloche, Ed Kerr





CONFESSION OF SIN

Pastor Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,

who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

All Amen.

Pastor God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us

from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus

Christ, our Savior and Lord.

All Amen.

Pastor Gracious God,

All have mercy on us.

We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent.

In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown,

things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life

through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Pastor God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us

alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through

the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

All Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and

forever.

All Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

+ THE WORD +

Reading: Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

Injustice and violence in the time leading up to the Babylonian exile move this prophet to lament: How can a good and all-powerful God see evil in the world and seemingly remain indifferent? God answers by proclaiming that the righteous will live by faith.

¹ The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw.

² O LORD, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not listen?

Or cry to you "Violence!" and you will not save?

³ Why do you make me see wrongdoing and look at trouble?

Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise.

⁴ So the law becomes slack, and justice never prevails.

The wicked surround the righteous; therefore judgment comes forth perverted.

^{2:1}I will stand at my watchpost and station myself on the rampart;

I will keep watch to see what he will say to me and what he will answer concerning my complaint.

² Then the LORD answered me and said:

Write the vision:

make it plain on tablets,

so that a runner may read it.

³ For there is still a vision for the appointed time; it speaks of the end and does not lie.

If it seems to tarry, wait for it;

it will surely come; it will not delay.

⁴ Look at the proud!

Their spirit is not right in them,

but the righteous live by their faithfulness.

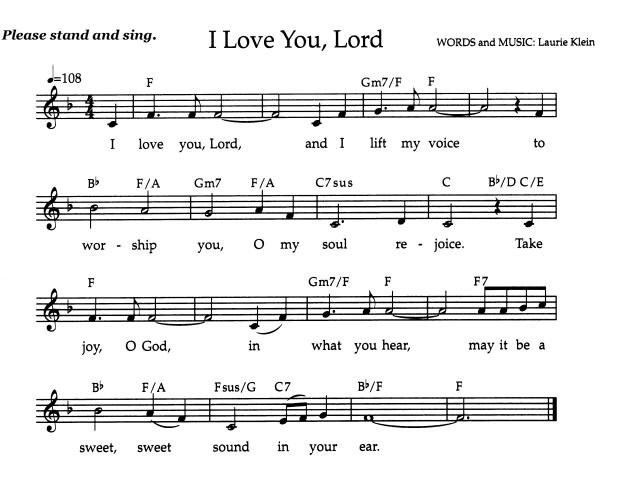
Reader Word of God, word of life. **All** Thanks be to God.

Reading: 2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12

This letter attributed to Paul begins with a typical salutation, blessing, and words of praise for what God is accomplishing among the recipients. By remaining faithful and growing spiritually during hardship, the Thessalonian Christians have become witnesses to the glory of God.

- ¹ Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,
 - To the church of the Thessalonians in God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:
 - ² Grace to you and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
- ³ We must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters, as is right, because your faith is growing abundantly and the love of every one of you for one another is increasing. ⁴ Therefore we ourselves boast of you among the churches of God for your steadfastness and faith during all your persecutions and the afflictions that you are enduring.
- ¹¹ To this end we always pray for you, asking that our God will make you worthy of his call and will fulfill by his power every good resolve and work of faith, ¹² so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

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Pastor The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke.

All Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: Luke 19:1-10

Jesus encounters Zacchaeus, a rich man who is also a lost sinner. Moved by Jesus' acceptance of him, Zacchaeus becomes a model of discipleship. In immediate response to being restored to God's people, Zacchaeus ministers to the poor and seeks reconciliation with those whom he has wronged.

¹ [Jesus] entered Jericho and was passing through it.² A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was rich. ³ He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. ⁴ So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way. ⁵ When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down, for I must stay at your house today." ⁶ So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. ⁷ All who saw it began to grumble and said, "He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner." ⁸ Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor, and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much." ⁹ Then Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he, too, is a son of Abraham. ¹⁰ For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost."

Pastor The Gospel of the Lord.
All Praise to you, O Christ.



SERMON

"Explain Yourself!" Pastor Sharon Core

APOSTLES' CREED

Asst. Min. With the whole Church, let us confess our faith.

I believe in God, the Father almighty,

creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

born of the virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died, and was buried;

he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again;

he ascended into heaven,

he is seated at the right hand of the Father,

and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS

Prayers are included for the whole Church, the nations, those in need, the parish and special concerns. After each portion of the prayers:

Asst. Min. God of grace,

All hear our prayer.

REMEMBER THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Pastor Lord God, you have surrounded us with a great cloud of witnesses. We

remember all those who have gone before us in faith...

Pastor And those that we name aloud or within the silence of our hearts...

Pastor Grant us courage to persevere in the course that is set before us and, at

the last, let us share in your eternal joy with all the saints in light,

through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

All Amen.

SHARING THE LORD'S PEACE

Pastor May the peace of Christ be with you always.

All And also with you.

Please greet one another with words such as "God's peace be with you."

Sit

TEMPLE TALK

+ SHARING OUR GIFTS +

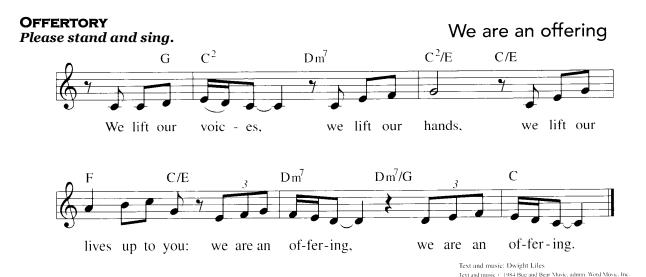
OFFERING

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need. Our offerings to God are first of all just that—offerings of thanksgiving to God. As you are able please continue to support our ministry with your financial gifts.

Please sign the red attendance book and pass it down the pew.

OFFERTORY SONG

"Pie Jesu" by Andrew Lloyd Webber



OFFERING PRAYER

Asst. Min. Let us pray.

All Creator God,

in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good, and the harvest is plentiful. Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth that we may work for the good of all, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

+ COME TO THE TABLE +

Pastor The Lord be with you. **All And also with you.**

Pastor Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give our thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,

thy kingdom some thy will be done

thy kingdom come, thy will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us;

and lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,

forever and ever. Amen.

Pastor Come, for all is now ready.



COMMUNION

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

Communion will be offered by intinction. For those not comfortable receiving from the pastor's hands a separate tray with preset elements is available.

Anyone not comfortable receiving the bread or the wine is invited to come forward for a blessing. To receive a blessing, please cross your arms.

You are an important part of our faith community.

In Holy Communion we receive the true body and blood of Christ.

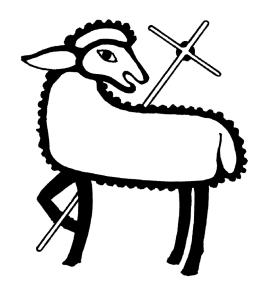
COMMUNION SONG All sing.

Here is bread



Text and music: Graham Kendrick

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Please stand.

Pastor The body of our Lord Jesus Christ and his precious blood,

strengthen and preserve you unto eternal life.

All Amen.

PRAYER

Asst. Min. Let us pray. God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation

you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus

Christ, our Lord.

All Amen.

+ THE SENDING +

BENEDICTION

Pastor

Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

All

Amen.

SENDING SONG All sing.

Oh, When the Saints Go Marching In



Text: African American spiritual

Music: WHEN THE SAINTS, African American spiritual; arr. hymnal version

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DISMISSAL

Asst. Min. Go in peace. Share the good news.

All Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE



A Great Reward

It's a dramatic scene: that moment in a movie when a large family comes together for the reading of the last will and testament. Usually, a lawyer sits facing the assembly with a pile of papers. The family members sit on the edge of their seats in anticipation. As the camera pans around the room, we can imagine their thoughts: "What will I get?" "Which one of us will keep the mansion?" "How much will my inheritance be?"

This typical scene of "reading the will" gets flipped upside down on All Saints Sunday. Yes, All Saints Sunday is about the reality of death and what happens next. But on this day, instead of looking at a lawyer, we look to Jesus. We give thanks for the inheritance Jesus has already made possible for us through his death on the cross and his resurrection to eternal life.

Our inheritance from Jesus isn't only hope for the future. It's the fuel that helps us live today. When we are poor, we can trust that one day, God will give us his kingdom. When we are hungry, we can trust that God will fill us. Jesus' words assure us that he is with us now and that our reward is great in heaven. In him, God has conquered sin and death. Our inheritance as children of God is secure.

Jesus' words are a comfort to us. His promise about our inheritance fills us with hope, especially when we hear the names of those who have died in the past year read aloud on All Saints Sunday. Even as we grieve their loss, we trust that their reward is great in heaven. Because of God's reconciling love for all creation, the inheritance of eternal life belongs to us and to the saints who have gone before us.

Lutheran Church of the Redeemer

Children are welcome in our worship. There is a children's worship bulletin for them. If you prefer, a nursery and/or childcare is available for children up to age 3 during all worship services.

Email: church@redeemermclean.org

Hearing help available: We have personal hearing amplification units available for your use. Please speak with the person at the sound board.

Church Phone: 703-356-3346

Sunday Services:

8:30 and 11 am for the traditional services and 9:45 am for the contemporary service

Next Sunday's Scripture: Haggai 1:15b-2:9 Psalm 17:1-9 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17 Luke 20:27-38

The flowers are given to the glory of God and by Steve Mallard and Phyllis Peter-Mallard in honor of their 40th wedding anniversary on October 19.